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User Manual

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1. Introduction

Thank you for purchasing ASRock ***FM2A55M-VG3+*** motherboard, a reliable motherboard produced under ASRock's consistently stringent quality control. It delivers excellent performance with robust design conforming to ASRock's commitment to quality and endurance.

In this documentation, Chapter 1 and 2 contains the introduction of the motherboard and step-by-step installation guides. Chapter 3 contains the operation guide of the software and utilities. Chapter 4 contains the configuration guide of the BIOS setup.

Because the motherboard specifications and the BIOS software might be updated, the content of this manual will be subject to change without notice. In case any modifications of this manual occur, the updated version will be available on ASRock website without further notice. You may find the latest VGA cards and CPU support lists on ASRock website as well. ASRock website http://www.asrock.com

If you require technical support related to this motherboard, please visit our website for specific information about the model you are using.

www.asrock.com/support/index.asp

1.1 Package Contents

ASRock ***FM2A55M-VG3+*** Motherboard (Micro ATX Form Factor)

ASRock ***FM2A55M-VG3+*** Quick Installation Guide

ASRock ***FM2A55M-VG3+*** Support CD

2 x Serial ATA (SATA) Data Cables (Optional)

1 x I/O Panel Shield

ASRock Reminds You...

To get better performance in Windows® 8.1 / 8.1 64-bit / 8 / 8 64-bit / 7 / 7 64-bit, it is recommended to set the BIOS option in Storage Configuration to AHCI mode.

1.2 Specifications

Platform	- Micro ATX Form Factor - All Solid Capacitor design
CPU	- Supports Socket FM2+ 95W / FM2 100W processors
Chipset	- AMD A55 FCH (Hudson-D2)
Memory	- Dual Channel DDR3 Memory Technology - 2 x DDR3 DIMM Slots - Supports DDR3 1866/1600/1333/1066 non-ECC, un-buffered memory (see **CAUTION 1**) - Max. capacity of system memory: 32GB (see **CAUTION 2**) - Supports Intel® Extreme Memory Profile (XMP) 1.3 / 1.2 - Supports AMD Memory Profile (AMP)
Expansion Slot	- 1 x PCI Express 3.0 x16 Slot (PCIE1 @ x16 mode) * PCIE 3.0 is only supported with FM2+ CPU. With FM2 CPU, it only supports PCIE 2.0. - 1 x PCI Slot - Supports AMD Dual Graphics
Graphics	- Integrated AMD Radeon HD 8000/7000 series graphics in A-series APU - DirectX 11.1, Pixel Shader 5.0 with FM2+ CPU. DirectX 11, Pixel Shader 5.0 with FM2 CPU. - Max. shared memory 2GB - Supports D-Sub with max. resolution up to 1920x1200 @ 60Hz - Supports AMD Steady Video™ 2.0: New video post processing capability for automatic jitter reduction on home/online video
Audio	- 5.1 CH HD Audio (Realtek ALC662 Audio Codec)
LAN	- PCIE x1 Gigabit LAN 10/100/1000 Mb/s - Realtek RTL8111FR (see **CAUTION 3**) - Supports Realtek RealWoW! Technology - Supports Wake-On-LAN - Supports LAN Cable Detection - Supports Energy Efficient Ethernet 802.3az - Supports PXE
Rear Panel I/O	- 1 x PS/2 Mouse Port - 1 x PS/2 Keyboard Port - 1 x D-Sub Port - 4 x USB 2.0 Ports

	- 1 x RJ-45 LAN Port with LED (ACT/LINK LED and SPEED LED) - HD Audio Jacks: Line in / Front Speaker / Microphone
Storage	- 4 x SATA2 3.0 Gb/s Connectors, support RAID (RAID 0, RAID 1 and RAID 10), NCQ, AHCI and Hot Plug
Connector	- 1 x Print Port Header - 1 x COM Port Header - 1 x Chassis Intrusion Header - 1 x TPM Header - 1 x CPU Fan Connector (4-pin) - 1 x Chassis Fan Connector (4-pin) - 1 x Power Fan Connector (3-pin) - 1 x 24 pin ATX Power Connector - 1 x 4 pin 12V Power Connector - 1 x Front Panel Audio Connector - 2 x USB 2.0 Headers (Support 4 USB 2.0 ports)
BIOS Feature	- 64Mb AMI UEFI Legal BIOS with GUI support - Supports “Plug and Play” - ACPI 1.1 compliance wake up events - Supports jumperfree - SMBIOS 2.3.1 support - DRAM, CPU Voltage multi-adjustment
Support CD	- Drivers, Utilities, AntiVirus Software (Trial Version), Google Chrome Browser and Toolbar, Start8 (30 days trial)
Hardware Monitor	- CPU temperature sensing - Chassis temperature sensing - CPU Fan Tachometer - Chassis Fan Tachometer - CPU/Chassis Quiet Fan - CPU/Chassis Fan multi-speed control - CASE OPEN detection - Voltage monitoring: +12V, +5V, +3.3V, Vcore
OS	- Microsoft® Windows® 8.1 32-bit / 8.1 64-bit / 8 32-bit / 8 64-bit / 7 32-bit / 7 64-bit
Certifications	- FCC, CE, WHQL - ErP/EuP ready (ErP/EuP ready power supply is required)

* For detailed product information, please visit our website: http://www.asrock.com

WARNING

Please realize that there is a certain risk involved with overclocking, including adjusting the setting in the BIOS, applying Untied Overclocking Technology, or using third-party overclocking tools. Overclocking may affect your system's stability, or even cause damage to the components and devices of your system. It should be done at your own risk and expense. We are not responsible for possible damage caused by overclocking.

CAUTION!

1. Whether 1866/1600MHz memory speed is supported depends on the CPU you adopt. If you want to adopt DDR3 1866/1600 memory module on this motherboard, please refer to the memory support list on our website for the compatible memory modules.
   ASRock website   http://www.asrock.com
2. Due to Windows® 32-bit operating system limitation, the actual memory size may be less than 4GB for the reservation for system usage under Windows® 8 / 7. You can use ASRock XFast RAM to utilize the memory that Windows® cannot use. For Windows® 64-bit OS with 64-bit CPU, there is no such limitation.
3. Realtek RealWoW! Technology allows you to wake up this system from remote mobile devices, such as smart phones, tables, or other PCs. It needs third-party softwares and applications to utilize this feature. Please visit our website for Home Cloud topic.

1.3 Unique Features

ASRock A-Tuning

A-Tuning is ASRock's multi purpose software suite with a new interface, more new features and improved utilities, including XFast RAM, Dehumidifier, Good Night LED, FAN-Tastic Tuning, OC Tweaker and a whole lot more.

ASRock Instant Boot

ASRock Instant Boot allows you to turn on your PC in just a few seconds, provides a much more efficient way to save energy, time, money, and improves system running speed for your system. It leverages the S3 and S4 ACPI features which normally enable the Sleep/Standby and Hibernation modes in Windows® to shorten boot up time. By calling S3 and S4 at specific timing during the shutdown and startup process, Instant Boot allows you to enter your Windows® desktop in a few seconds.

ASRock Instant Flash

ASRock Instant Flash is a BIOS flash utility embedded in Flash ROM. This convenient BIOS update tool allows you to update system BIOS without entering operating systems first like MS-DOS or Windows®. With this utility, you can press the <F6> key during the POST or the <F2> key to enter into the BIOS setup menu to access ASRock Instant Flash. Just launch this tool and save the new BIOS file to your USB flash drive, floppy disk or hard drive, then you can update your BIOS only in a few clicks without preparing an additional floppy diskette or other complicated flash utility. Please be noted that the USB flash drive or hard drive must use FAT32/16/12 file system.

ASRock APP Charger

If you desire a faster, less restricted way of charging your Apple devices, such as iPhone/iPad/iPod Touch, ASRock has prepared a wonderful solution for you - ASRock APP Charger. Simply install the APP Charger driver, it makes your iPhone charge much quickly from your computer and up to 40% faster than before. ASRock APP Charger allows you to quickly charge many Apple devices simultaneously and even supports continuous charging when your PC enters into Suspend to RAM (S3), hibernation mode (S4) or power off (S5). With APP Charger driver installed, you can easily enjoy the marvelous charging experience.

ASRock XFast USB

ASRock XFast USB can boost USB storage device performance. The performance may depend on the properties of the device.

ASRock XFast LAN

ASRock XFast LAN provides a faster internet access, which includes the benefits listed below. LAN Application Prioritization: You can configure your application's priority ideally and/or add new programs. Lower Latency in Game: After setting online game's priority higher, it can lower the latency in games. Traffic Shaping: You can watch Youtube HD videos and download simultaneously. Real-Time Analysis of Your Data: With the status window, you can easily recognize which data streams you are transferring currently.

ASRock XFast RAM

ASRock XFast RAM is included in A-Tuning. It fully utilizes the memory space that cannot be used under Windows® 32-bit operating systems. ASRock XFast RAM shortens the loading time of previously visited websites, making web surfing faster than ever. And it also boosts the speed of Adobe Photoshop 5 times faster. Another advantage of ASRock XFast RAM is that it reduces the frequency of accessing your SSDs or HDDs in order to extend their lifespan.

ASRock Crashless BIOS

ASRock Crashless BIOS allows users to update their BIOS without fear of failing. If power loss occurs during the BIOS update process, ASRock Crashless BIOS will automatically finish the BIOS update procedure after regaining power. Please note that BIOS files need to be placed in the root directory of your USB disk. Only USB2.0 ports support this feature.

ASRock OMG (Online Management Guard)

Administrators are able to establish an internet curfew or restrict internet access at specified times via OMG. You may schedule the starting and ending hours of internet access granted to other users. In order to prevent users from bypassing OMG, guest accounts without permission to modify the system time are required.

ASRock Internet Flash

ASRock Internet Flash searches for available UEFI firmware updates from our servers. In other words, the system can auto-detect the latest UEFI from our servers and flash them without entering Windows® OS.

ASRock UEFI Tech Service

Contact ASRock Tech Service by sending a support request from the UEFI setup utility if you are having trouble with your PC.

ASRock Dehumidifier Function

Users may prevent motherboard damages due to dampness by enabling “Dehumidifier Function”. When enabling Dehumidifier Function, the computer will power on automatically to dehumidify the system after entering S4/S5 state.

ASRock Easy RAID Installer

ASRock Easy RAID Installer can help you to copy the RAID driver from a support CD to your USB storage device. After copying the RAID driver to your USB storage device, please change “SATA Mode” to “RAID”, then you can start installing the OS in RAID mode.

ASRock Easy Driver Installer

For users that don’t have an optical disk drive to install the drivers from our support CD, Easy Driver Installer is a handy tool in the UEFI that installs the LAN driver to your system via an USB storage device, then downloads and installs the other required drivers automatically.

ASRock Interactive UEFI

ASRock Interactive UEFI is a blend of system configuration tools, cool sound effects and stunning visuals. The unprecedented UEFI provides a more attractive interface and brings a lot more amusing.

ASRock Fast Boot

With ASRock's exclusive Fast Boot technology, it takes less than 1.5 seconds to logon to Windows® 8 from a cold boot. No more waiting! The speedy boot will completely change your user experience and behavior.

ASRock X-Boost

Brilliantly designed for combo overclocking, ASRock X-Boost Technology is able to unleash the hidden power of your CPUs. Simply press "X" when turning on the PC, X-Boost will automatically overclock the relative components to get up to 15.77% performance boost! With the smart X-Boost, overclocking CPU can become a near one-button process.

ASRock Restart to UEFI

Windows® 8 brings the ultimate boot up experience. The lightning boot up speed makes it hard to access the UEFI setup. ASRock Restart to UEFI technology is designed for those requiring frequent UEFI access. It is included in ASRock's exclusive all-in-one A-Tuning tuning program that allows users to easily enter the UEFI automatically when turning on the PC next time. Just simply enable this function; the PC will be assured to access the UEFI directly in the very beginning.

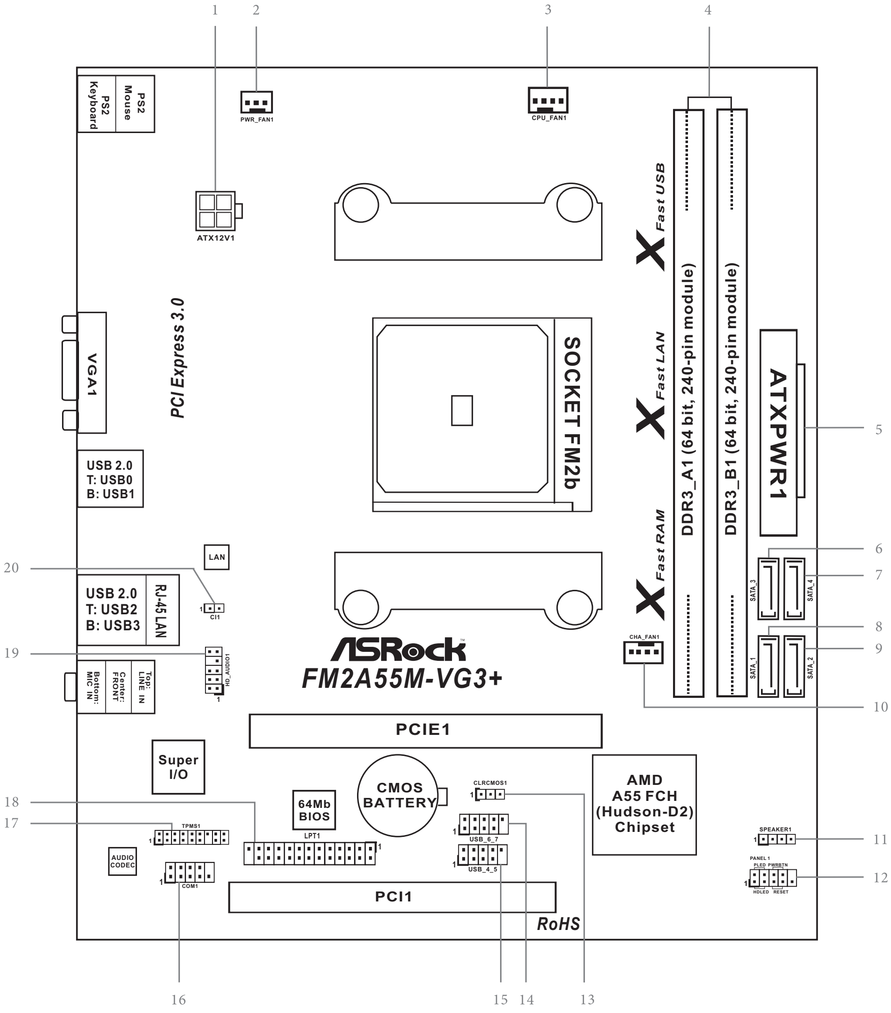
ASRock USB Key

In a world where time is money, why waste precious time everyday typing usernames to log in to Windows? Why should we even bother memorizing those foot long passwords? Just plug in the USB Key and let your computer log in to windows automatically!

ASRock FAN-Tastic Tuning

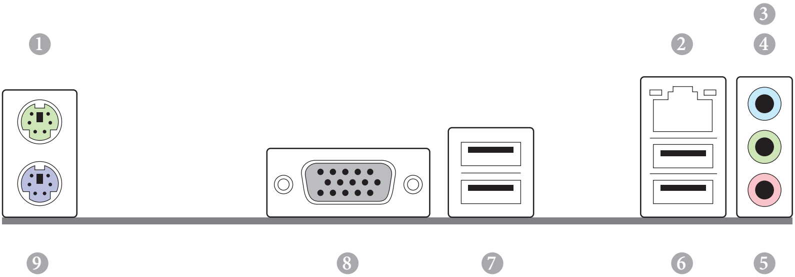
ASRock FAN-Tastic Tuning is included in A-Tuning. Configure up to five different fan speeds using the graph. The fans will automatically shift to the next speed level when the assigned temperature is met.

1.4 Motherboard Layout


1
2
3
4
PS2 Mouse
PS2 Keyboard
PWR_FAN1
CPU_FAN1
ATX12V1
Fast USB
Fast LAN
Fast RAM
DDR3_A1 (64 bit, 240-pin module)
DDR3_B1 (64 bit, 240-pin module)
ATXPWR1
5
VGA1
PCI Express 3.0
SOCKET FM2b
USB 2.0
T: USB0
B: USB1
LAN
20
CI1
1
USB 2.0
T: USB2
B: USB3
RJ-45 LAN
6
7
SATA_3
SATA_4
8
9
SATA_1
SATA_2
CHA_FAN1
19
HD_AUDIO1
Top: LINE IN
Center: FRONT
Bottom: MIC IN
ASRock
FM2A55M-VG3+
10
PCIE1
Super I/O
CMOS BATTERY
64Mb BIOS
LPT1
CLRCMOS1
AMD A55 FCH (Hudson-D2) Chipset
18
17
TPMS1
USB_6_7
USB_4_5
SPEAKER1
11
PANEL1
PLED
PWRBTN
HDLED
RESET
12
AUDIO CODEC
COM1
PCI1
RoHS
16
15
14
13

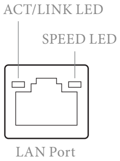
No.	Description
1	ATX 12V Power Connector (ATX12V1)
2	Power Fan Connector (PWR_FAN1)
3	CPU Fan Connector (CPU_FAN1)
4	2 x 240-pin DDR3 DIMM Slots (DDR3_A1, DDR3_B1)
5	ATX Power Connector (ATXPWR1)
6	SATA2 Connector (SATA_3)
7	SATA2 Connector (SATA_4)
8	SATA2 Connector (SATA_1)
9	SATA2 Connector (SATA_2)
10	Chassis Fan Connector (CHA_FAN1)
11	Chassis Speaker Header (SPEAKER1)
12	System Panel Header (PANEL1)
13	Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRCMOS1)
14	USB 2.0 Header (USB_6_7)
15	USB 2.0 Header (USB_4_5)
16	COM Port Header (COM1)
17	TPM Header (TPMS1)
18	Print Port Header (LPT1)
19	Front Panel Audio Header (HD_AUDIO1)
20	Chassis Intrusion Header (CI1)

1.5 I/O Panel



No.	Description	No.	Description
1	PS/2 Mouse Port	6	USB 2.0 Ports (USB_2_3)
2	LAN RJ-45 Port*	7	USB 2.0 Ports (USB_0_1)
3	Line In (Light Blue)	8	D-Sub Port
4	Front Speaker (Lime)**	9	PS/2 Keyboard Port
5	Microphone (Pink)		

** There are two LEDs on the LAN port. Please refer to the table below for the LAN port LED indications.*



Activity / Link LED	
Status	**Description**
Off	No Link
Blinking	Data Activity
On	Link

Speed LED	
Status	**Description**
Off	10Mbps connection
Orange	100Mbps connection
Green	1Gbps connection

To enable Multi-Streaming function, you need to connect a front panel audio cable to the front panel audio header. Please refer to below steps for the software setting of Multi-Streaming. After restarting your computer, please double-click "Realtek HD Audio Manager" on the system tray. Set "Speaker Configuration" to "Quadraphonic" or "Stereo". Click "Device advanced settings", choose "Make front and rear output devices playbacks two different audio streams simultaneously", and click "ok". Then reboot your system.

2. Installation

This is a Micro ATX form factor motherboard. Before you install the motherboard, study the configuration of your chassis to ensure that the motherboard fits into it.

Pre-installation Precautions

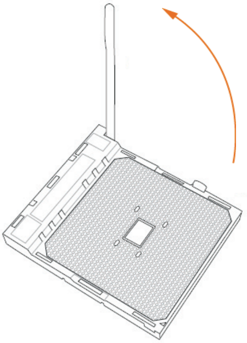
Take note of the following precautions before you install motherboard components or change any motherboard settings.

> Before you install or remove any component, ensure that the power is switched off or the power cord is detached from the power supply. Failure to do so may cause severe damage to the motherboard, peripherals, and/or components.

1. Unplug the power cord from the wall socket before touching any component.
2. To avoid damaging the motherboard components due to static electricity, NEVER place your motherboard directly on the carpet or the like. Also remember to use a grounded wrist strap or touch a safety grounded object before you handle components.
3. Hold components by the edges and do not touch the ICs.
4. Whenever you uninstall any component, place it on a grounded anti-static pad or in the bag that comes with the component.
5. When placing screws into the screw holes to secure the motherboard to the chassis, please do not over-tighten the screws! Doing so may damage the motherboard.

2.1 CPU Installation

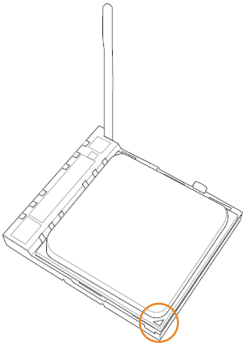
Step 1. Unlock the socket by lifting the lever up to a 90° angle.



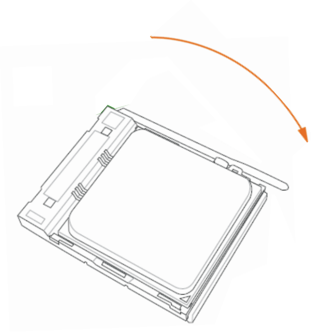
Step 2. Position the CPU directly above the socket such that the CPU corner with the golden triangle matches the socket corner with a small triangle.

Step 3. Carefully insert the CPU into the socket until it fits in place.

The CPU fits only in one correct orientation. DO NOT force the CPU into the socket to avoid bending of the pins.



Step 4. When the CPU is in place, press it firmly on the socket while you push down the socket lever to secure the CPU. The lever clicks on the side tab to indicate that it is locked.



2.2 Installation of CPU Fan and Heatsink

After you install the CPU into this motherboard, it is necessary to install a larger heatsink and cooling fan to dissipate heat. You also need to spray thermal grease between the CPU and the heatsink to improve heat dissipation. Make sure that the CPU and the heatsink are securely fastened and in good contact with each other. Then connect the CPU fan to the CPU FAN connector (CPU_FAN1, see Page 9, No. 3). For proper installation, please kindly refer to the instruction manuals of the CPU fan and the heatsink.

2.3 Installation of Memory Modules (DIMM)

This motherboard provides two 240-pin DDR3 (Double Data Rate 3) DIMM slots, and supports Dual Channel Memory Technology.

1. *For dual channel configuration, you always need to install identical (the same brand, speed, size and chip-type) DDR3 DIMM pairs.*
2. *It is unable to activate Dual Channel Memory Technology with only one memory module installed.*
3. *It is not allowed to install a DDR or DDR2 memory module into a DDR3 slot; otherwise, this motherboard and DIMM may be damaged.*

The DIMM only fits in one correct orientation. It will cause permanent damage to the motherboard and the DIMM if you force the DIMM into the slot at incorrect orientation.

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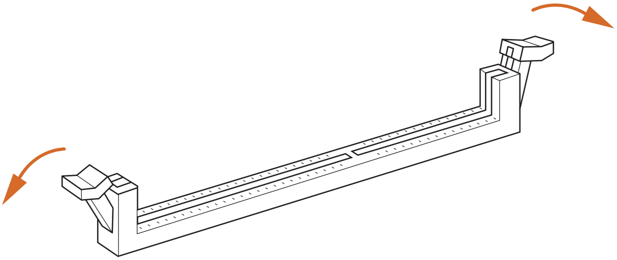

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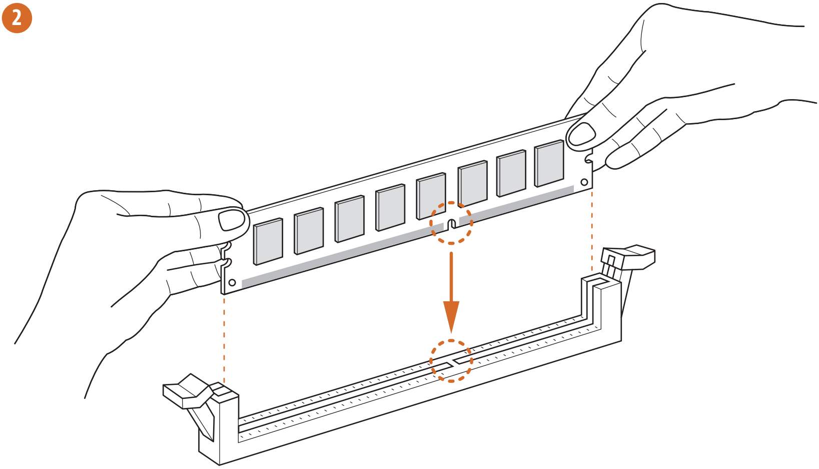

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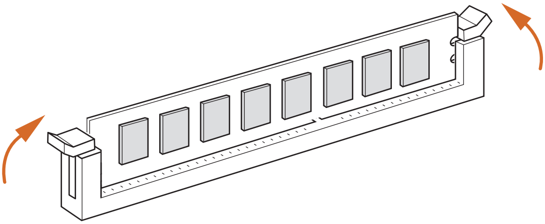


2.4 Expansion Slots (PCI and PCI Express Slots)

There is 1 PCI slot and 1 PCI Express slot on this motherboard.

Before installing an expansion card, please make sure that the power supply is switched off or the power cord is unplugged. Please read the documentation of the expansion card and make necessary hardware settings for the card before you start the installation.

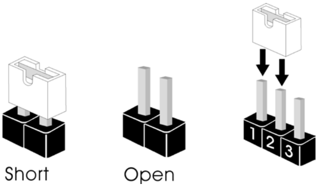
PCI Slot: PCI slot is used to install expansion cards that have the 32-bit PCI interface.

PCIE Slot:

PCIE1 (PCIe 3.0 x16 slot) is used for PCI Express x16 lane width graphics cards.

2.5 Jumpers Setup

The illustration shows how jumpers are setup. When the jumper cap is placed on pins, the jumper is “Short”. If no jumper cap is placed on pins, the jumper is “Open”. The illustration shows a 3-pin jumper whose pin1 and pin2 are “Short” when jumper cap is placed on these 2 pins.



Jumper	Setting	Description
Clear CMOS Jumper (CLRCMOS1) (see p.9, No. 13)	1_2 ●●○ Default 2_3 ○●● Clear CMOS	

Note: CLRCMOS1 allows you to clear the data in CMOS. To clear and reset the system parameters to default setup, please turn off the computer and unplug the power cord from the power supply. After waiting for 15 seconds, use a jumper cap to short pin2 and pin3 on CLRCMOS1 for 5 seconds. However, please do not clear the CMOS right after you update the BIOS. If you need to clear the CMOS when you just finish updating the BIOS, you must boot up the system first, and then shut it down before you do the clear-CMOS action. Please be noted that the password, date, time, user default profile, 1394 GUID and MAC address will be cleared only if the CMOS battery is removed.

If you clear the CMOS, the case open may be detected. Please adjust the BIOS option “Clear Status” to clear the record of previous chassis intrusion status.

2.6 Onboard Headers and Connectors

Onboard headers and connectors are NOT jumpers. Do NOT place jumper caps over these headers and connectors. Placing jumper caps over the headers and connectors will cause permanent damage of the motherboard!

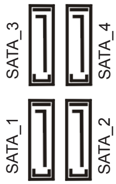
Serial ATA2 Connectors

(SATA_1: see p.9, No. 8)

(SATA_2: see p.9, No. 9)

(SATA_3: see p.9, No. 6)

(SATA_4: see p.9, No. 7)

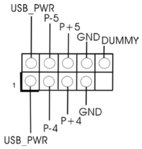

SATA_3
SATA_4
SATA_1
SATA_2

These four Serial ATA2 (SATA2) connectors support SATA data cables for internal storage devices. The current SATA2 interface allows up to 3.0 Gb/s data transfer rate.

USB 2.0 Headers

(9-pin USB_4_5)

(see p.9 No. 15)


USB_PWR
P-5
P+5
GND
DUMMY
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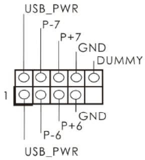
GND
P+4
P-4
USB_PWR

(9-pin USB_6_7)

(see p.9 No. 14)

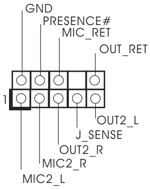

USB_PWR
P-7
P+7
GND
DUMMY
1
GND
P+6
P-6
USB_PWR

Besides four default USB 2.0 ports on the I/O panel, there are two USB 2.0 headers on this motherboard. Each USB 2.0 header can support two USB 2.0 ports.

Front Panel Audio Header

(9-pin HD_AUDIO1)

(see p.9 No. 19)


GND
PRESENCE#
MIC_RET
OUT_RET
1
OUT2_L
J_SENSE
OUT2_R
MIC2_R
MIC2_L

This is an interface for the front panel audio cable that allows convenient connection and control of audio devices.

1. High Definition Audio supports Jack Sensing, but the panel wire on the chassis must support HDA to function correctly. Please follow the instruction in our manual and chassis manual to install your system.
2. If you use AC'97 audio panel, please install it to the front panel audio header as below:
   A. Connect Mic_IN (MIC) to MIC2_L.
   B. Connect Audio_R (RIN) to OUT2_R and Audio_L (LIN) to OUT2_L.

C. Connect Ground (GND) to Ground (GND).

D. MIC_RET and OUT_RET are for HD audio panel only. You don’t need to connect them for AC’97 audio panel.

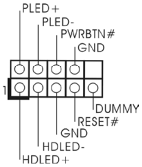
E. To activate the front mic.

For Windows® 8.1 / 8.1 64-bit / 8 / 8 64-bit / 7 / 7 64-bit 64-bit OS: Go to the "FrontMic" Tab in the Realtek Control panel. Adjust “Recording Volume”.

System Panel Header

(9-pin PANEL1)

(see p.9 No. 12)



This header accommodates several system front panel functions.

Connect the power switch, reset switch and system status indicator on the chassis to this header according to the pin assignments below. Note the positive and negative pins before connecting the cables.

PWRBTN (Power Switch):

Connect to the power switch on the chassis front panel. You may configure the way to turn off your system using the power switch.

RESET (Reset Switch):

Connect to the reset switch on the chassis front panel. Press the reset switch to restart the computer if the computer freezes and fails to perform a normal restart.

PLED (System Power LED):

Connect to the power status indicator on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the system is operating. The LED keeps blinking when the sys-tem is in S3 sleep state. The LED is off when the system is in S4 sleep state or powered off (S5).

HDLED (Hard Drive Activity LED):

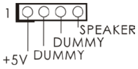
Connect to the hard drive activity LED on the chassis front panel. The LED is on when the hard drive is reading or writing data.

The front panel design may differ by chassis. A front panel module mainly consists of power switch, reset switch, power LED, hard drive activity LED, speaker and etc. When connecting your chassis front panel module to this header, make sure the wire assignments and the pin assign-ments are matched correctly.

Chassis Speaker Header

(4-pin SPEAKER 1)

(see p.9 No. 11)

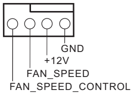

1
SPEAKER
DUMMY
DUMMY
+5V

Please connect the chassis speaker to this header.

Chassis and Power Fan Connectors

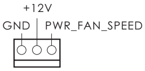
(4-pin CHA_FAN1)

(see p.9 No. 10)


GND
+12V
FAN_SPEED
FAN_SPEED_CONTROL

(3-pin PWR_FAN1)

(see p.9 No. 2)

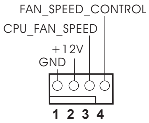

+12V
GND
PWR_FAN_SPEED

Please connect the fan cables to the fan connectors and match the black wire to the ground pin. CHA_FAN1 fan speed can be controlled through UEFI or A-Tuning.

CPU Fan Connectors

(4-pin CPU_FAN1)

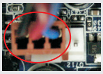
(see p.9 No. 3)


FAN_SPEED_CONTROL
CPU_FAN_SPEED
+12V
GND
1 2 3 4

Please connect the CPU fan cable to the connector and match the black wire to the ground pin.

Though this motherboard provides 4-Pin CPU fan (Quiet Fan) support, the 3-Pin CPU fan still can work successfully even without the fan speed control function. If you plan to connect the 3-Pin CPU fan to the CPU fan connector on this motherboard, please connect it to Pin 1-3.

Pin 1-3 Connected ←

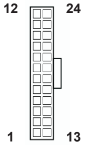


3-Pin Fan Installation

ATX Power Connector

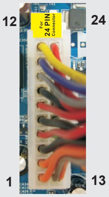
(24-pin ATXPWR1)

(see p.9 No. 5)



Please connect an ATX power supply to this connector.

Though this motherboard provides 24-pin ATX power connector, it can still work if you adopt a traditional 20-pin ATX power supply. To use the 20-pin ATX power supply, please plug your power supply along with Pin 1 and Pin 13.


12
24
1
13
For 24 PIN Connector

20-Pin ATX Power Supply Installation

ATX 12V Power Connector

(4-pin ATX12V1)

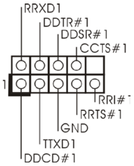
(see p.9 No. 1)

Please connect an ATX 12V power supply to this connector.

Serial port Header

(9-pin COM1)

(see p.9 No. 16)

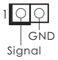

RRXD1
DDTR#1
DDSR#1
CCTS#1
1
RRI#1
RRTS#1
GND
TTXD1
DDCD#1

This COM1 header supports a serial port module.

Chassis Intrusion Header

(2-pin CI1)

(see p.9, No. 20)

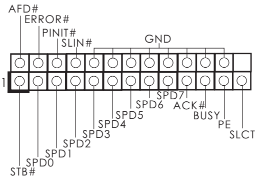

1
GND
Signal

This motherboard supports CASE OPEN detection feature that detects if the chassis cover has been removed. This feature requires a chassis with chassis intrusion detection design.

Print Port Header

(25-pin LPT1)

(see p.9, No. 18)

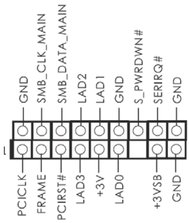

AFD#
ERROR#
PINIT#
SLIN#
GND
1
SPD7
SPD6
ACK#
SPD5
BUSY
SPD4
PE
SPD3
SLCT
SPD2
SPD1
SPD0
STB#

This is an interface for print port cable that allows convenient connection of printer devices.

TPM Header

(17-pin TPMS1)

(see p.9, No. 17)


GND
SMB_CLK_MAIN
SMB_DATA_MAIN
LAD2
LAD1
GND
S_PWRDWN#
SERIRQ#
GND
1
PCICLK
FRAME
PCIRST#
LAD3
+3V
LAD0
+3VSB
GND

This connector supports Trusted Platform Module (TPM) system, which can securely store keys, digital certificates, passwords, and data. A TPM system also helps enhance network security, protects digital identities, and ensures platform integrity.

2.7 AMD Dual Graphics Operation Guide

This motherboard supports AMD Dual Graphics feature. AMD Dual Graphics brings multi-GPU performance capabilities by enabling an AMD A55 FCH (Hudson-D2) integrated graphics processor and a discrete graphics processor to operate simultaneously with combined output to a single display for blisteringly-fast frame rates. Currently, AMD Dual Graphics Technology is only supported with Windows® 8 / 7 OS.

What does an AMD Dual Graphics system include?

An AMD Dual Graphics system includes an AMD Radeon HD 8000/7000 graphics processor and a motherboard based on an AMD A55 FCH (Hudson-D2) integrated chipset, all operating in a Windows® 8 / 7 environment. Please refer to AMD website for further information.

Enjoy the benefit of AMD Dual Graphics

Step 1. Please keep the default UEFI setting of "Dual Graphics" option on [Auto].

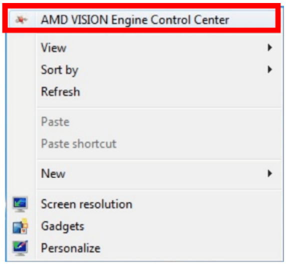
Step 2. Install one AMD RADEON PCI Express graphics card to PCIE1 slot.

Step 3. Connect the monitor cable to the onboard VGA port. Please be noted that the current VGA driver / VBIOS can allow Dual Graphics output from onboard display only. For any future update, please refer to our website for further information.

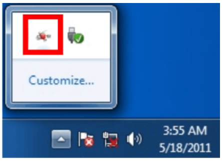
Step 4. Boot into OS. Please remove the AMD driver if you have any VGA driver installed in your system.

Step 5. Install the onboard VGA driver from our support CD to your system for both the onboard VGA and the discrete graphics card.

Step 6. Restart your computer. Right-click the desktop. Click "AMD VISION Engine Control Center" to enter AMD VISION Engine Control Center.



Step 7. You can also click “AMD VISION Engine Control Center” on your Windows® taskbar to enter AMD VISION Engine Control Center.


Customize...
3:55 AM
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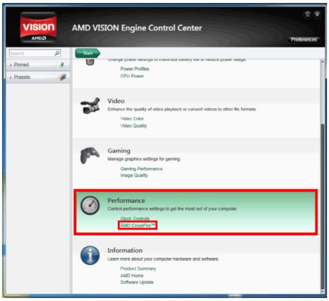
AMD VISION Engine Control Center

Step 8. In AMD VISION Engine Control Center, please choose “Performance”. Click “AMD CrossFire™”.


VISION
AMD
AMD VISION Engine Control Center
Preferences
Search
Pinned
Presets
Start
Power Profiles
CPU Power
Video
Video Color
Video Quality
Gaming
Gaming Performance
Image Quality
Performance
Clock Controls
AMD CrossFire™
Information
Product Summary
AMD Home
Software Update

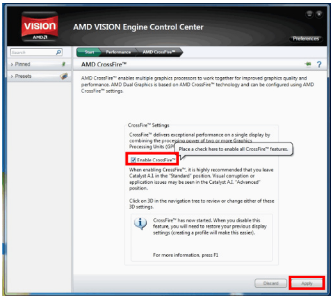
Enhance the quality of video playback or convert videos to other file formats.

Manage graphics settings for gaming.

Control performance settings to get the most out of your computer.

Learn more about your computer hardware and software.

Step 9. Click “Enable CrossFire™” and click “Apply“ to save your change.


VISION
AMD
AMD VISION Engine Control Center
Preferences
Search
Pinned
Presets
Start
Performance
AMD CrossFire™
AMD CrossFire™
?
CrossFire™ Settings
Discard
Apply

AMD CrossFire™ enables multiple graphics processors to work together for improved graphics quality and performance. AMD Dual Graphics is based on AMD CrossFire™ technology and can be configured using AMD CrossFire™ settings.

CrossFire™ delivers exceptional performance on a single display by combining the processing power of two or more Graphics Processing Units (GP

Place a check here to enable all CrossFire™ features.

☑ Enable CrossFire™

When enabling CrossFire™, it is highly recommended that you leave Catalyst A.I. in the "Standard" position. Visual corruption or application issues may be seen in the Catalyst A.I. "Advanced" position.

Click on 3D in the navigation tree to review or change either of these 3D settings.

CrossFire™ has now started. When you disable this feature, you will need to restore your previous display settings (creating a profile will make this easier).

For more information, press F1

Step 10. Reboot your system. Then you can freely enjoy the benefit of Dual Graphics feature.

* Dual Graphics appearing here is a registered trademark of AMD Technologies Inc., and is used only for identification or explanation and to the owners’ benefit, without intent to infringe.

* For further information of AMD Dual Graphics technology, please check AMD website for up dates and details.

3. *Software and Utilities Operation*

3.1 Installing Drivers

The Support CD that comes with the motherboard contains necessary drivers and useful utilities that enhance the motherboard's features.

Running The Support CD

To begin using the support CD, insert the CD into your CD-ROM drive. The CD automatically displays the Main Menu if "AUTORUN" is enabled in your computer. If the Main Menu does not appear automatically, locate and double click on the file "ASRSETUP.EXE" in the Support CD to display the menu.

Drivers Menu

The drivers compatible to your system will be auto-detected and listed on the support CD driver page. Please click Install All or follow the order from top to bottom to install those required drivers. Therefore, the drivers you install can work properly.

Utilities Menu

The Utilities Menu shows the application software that the motherboard supports. Click on a specific item then follow the installation wizard to install it.

3.2 A-Tuning

A-Tuning is ASRock's multi purpose software suite with a new interface, more new features and improved utilities, including XFast RAM, Dehumidifier, Good Night LED, FAN-Tastic Tuning, OC Tweaker and a whole lot more.

3.2.1 Installing A-Tuning

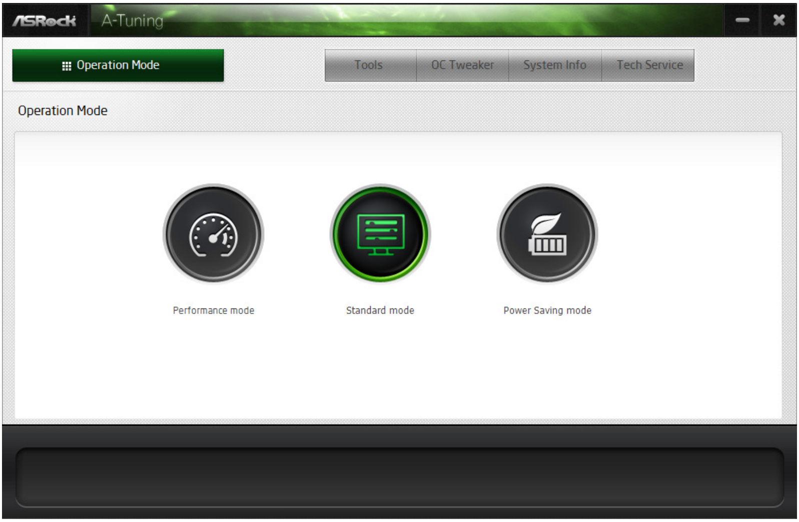
When you install the all-in-one driver to your system from ASRock's support CD, A-Tuning will be auto-installed as well. After the installation, you will find the icon "A-Tuning" on your desktop. Double-click the "A-Tuning" icon, A-Tuning main menu will pop up.

3.2.2 Using A-Tuning

There are five sections in A-Tuning main menu: Operation Mode, Tools, OC Tweaker, System Info and Tech Service.

Operation Mode

Choose an operation mode for your computer.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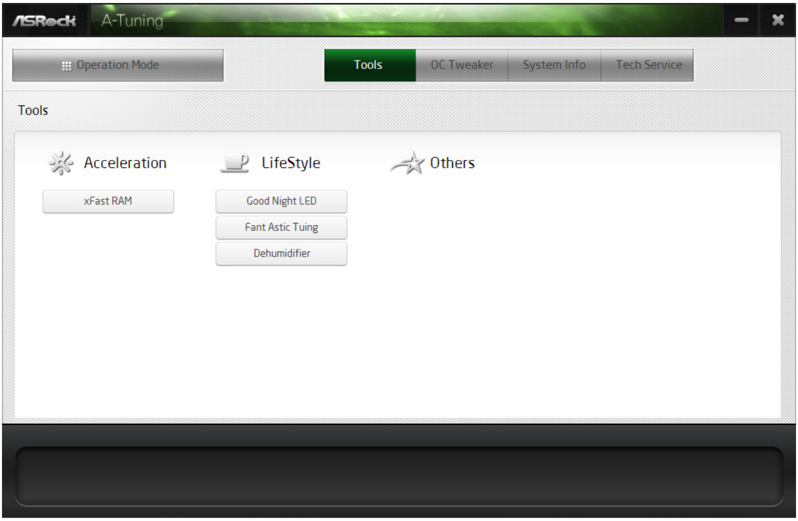
A-Tuning
Operation Mode
Tools
OC Tweaker
System Info
Tech Service
Operation Mode
Performance mode
Standard mode
Power Saving mode

Tools

Various tools and utilities.


ASRock
A-Tuning
Operation Mode
Tools
OC Tweaker
System Info
Tech Service
Tools
Acceleration
xFast RAM
LifeStyle
Good Night LED
Fant Astic Tuing
Dehumidifier
Others

XFast RAM

Boost the system's performance and extend the HDD's or SDD's lifespan! Create a hidden partition, then assign which files should be stored in the RAM drive.

Fast Boot

Fast Boot minimizes your computer's boot time. Please note that Ultra Fast mode is only supported by Windows 8 and the VBIOS must support UEFI GOP if you are using an external graphics card.

OMG

Schedule the starting and ending hours of Internet access granted to other users. Place X marks on the time table to disable the Internet.

Good Night LED

Switch off the Power/HDD/LAN LEDs when the system is on, and automatically switch off the Power and Keyboard LEDs when the system enters into Standby/Hibernation mode.

FAN-Tastic Tuning

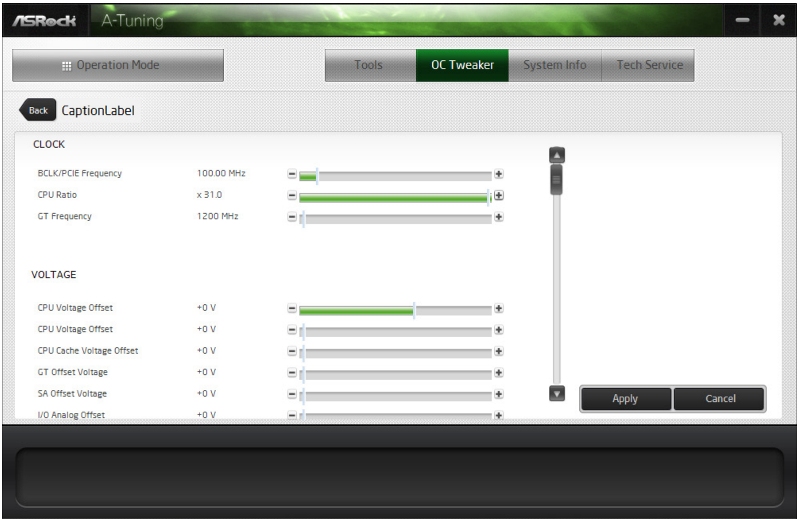
Configure up to five different fan speeds using the graph. The fans will automatically shift to the next speed level when the assigned temperature is met.

Dehumidifier

Prevent motherboard damages due to dampness. Enable this function and configure the period of time until the computer powers on, and the duration of the dehumidifying process.

OC Tweaker

Configurations for overclocking the system.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A-Tuning
Operation Mode
Tools
OC Tweaker
System Info
Tech Service
Back
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Apply
Cancel

CLOCK

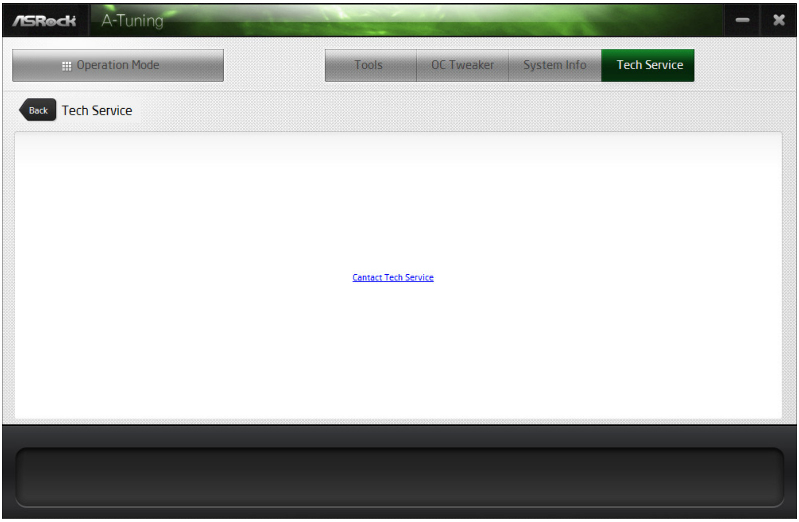
BCLK/PCIE Frequency 100.00 MHz
CPU Ratio x 31.0
GT Frequency 1200 MHz

VOLTAGE

CPU Voltage Offset +0 V
CPU Voltage Offset +0 V
CPU Cache Voltage Offset +0 V
GT Offset Voltage +0 V
SA Offset Voltage +0 V
I/O Analog Offset +0 V

System Info

View information about the system.


ASRock
A-Tuning
Operation Mode
Tools
OC Tweaker
System Info
Tech Service
Back
Tech Service
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Tech Service

Contact Tech Service.

3.3 Start8

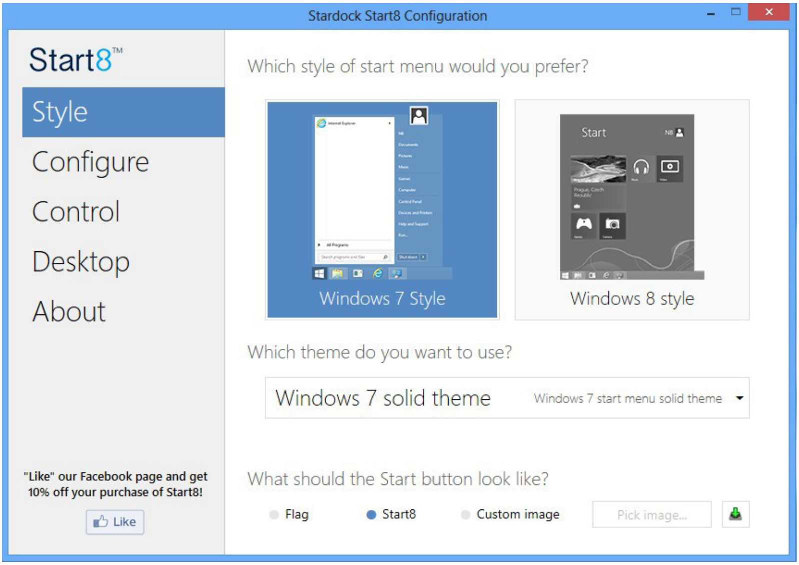
For those Windows 8 users who miss the Start Menu, Start8 is an ideal solution that brings back the familiar Start Menu along with added customizations for greater efficiency.

3.3.1 Installing Start8

Install Start8, which is located in the folder at the following path of the Support CD: \ ASRock Utility > Start8.

3.3.2 Configuring Start8

Style



Which style of start menu would you prefer?

Windows 7 Style

Windows 8 style

Which theme do you want to use?

Windows 7 solid theme — Windows 7 start menu solid theme

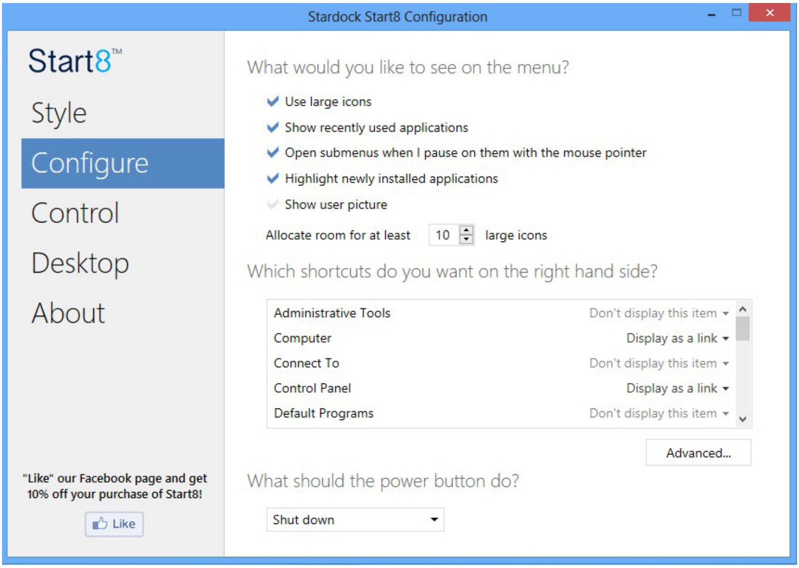
What should the Start button look like?

○ Flag ● Start8 ○ Custom image Pick image...

"Like" our Facebook page and get 10% off your purchase of Start8!

Select between the Windows 7 style and Windows 8 style Start Menu. Then select the theme of the Start Menu and customize the style of the Start icon.

Configure


Stardock Start8 Configuration
Start8™
Style
Configure
Control
Desktop
About
Advanced...
Like

What would you like to see on the menu?

☑ Use large icons
☑ Show recently used applications
☑ Open submenus when I pause on them with the mouse pointer
☑ Highlight newly installed applications
☐ Show user picture

Allocate room for at least 10 large icons

Which shortcuts do you want on the right hand side?

Administrative Tools	Don't display this item
Computer	Display as a link
Connect To	Don't display this item
Control Panel	Display as a link
Default Programs	Don't display this item

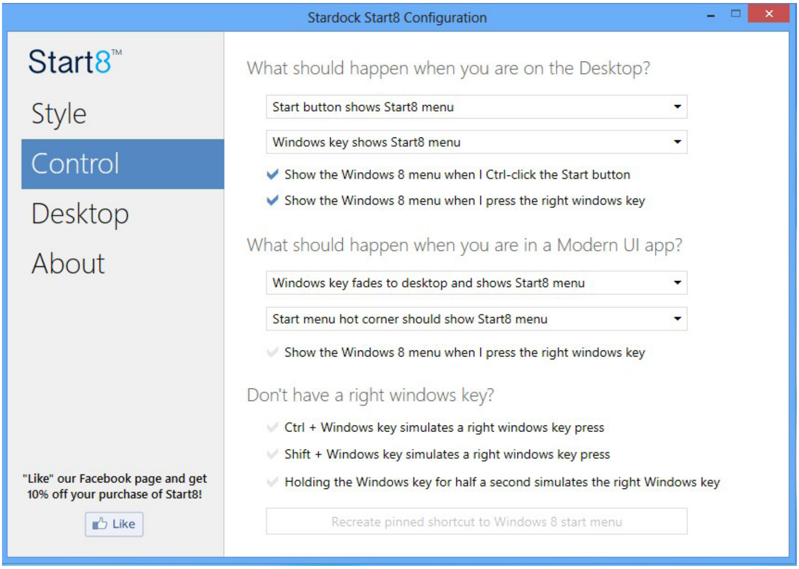
What should the power button do?

Shut down

"Like" our Facebook page and get 10% off your purchase of Start8!

Configure provides configuration options, including icon sizes, which shortcuts you want Start Menu to display, quick access to recently used apps, the functionality of the power button, and more.

Control


Stardock Start8 Configuration
Start8™
Style
Control
Desktop
About
Recreate pinned shortcut to Windows 8 start menu
Like

What should happen when you are on the Desktop?

Start button shows Start8 menu

Windows key shows Start8 menu

☑ Show the Windows 8 menu when I Ctrl-click the Start button
☑ Show the Windows 8 menu when I press the right windows key

What should happen when you are in a Modern UI app?

Windows key fades to desktop and shows Start8 menu

Start menu hot corner should show Start8 menu

☐ Show the Windows 8 menu when I press the right windows key

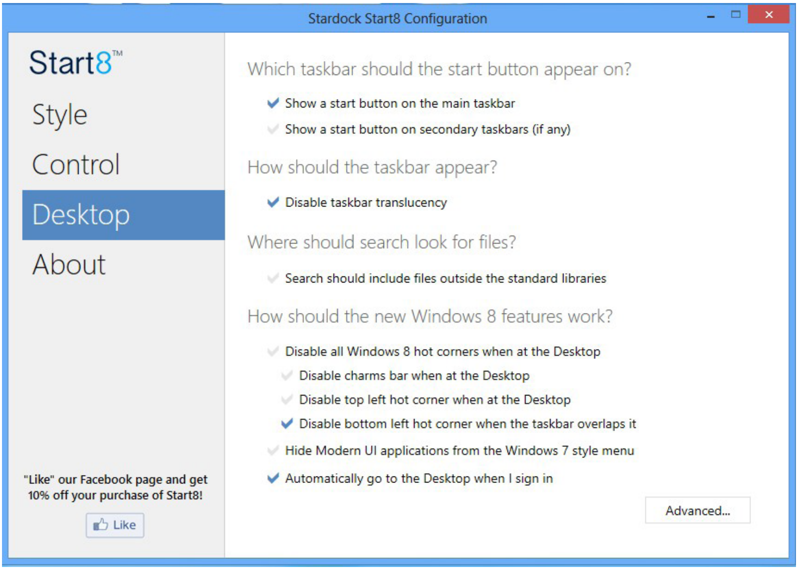
Don't have a right windows key?

☐ Ctrl + Windows key simulates a right windows key press
☐ Shift + Windows key simulates a right windows key press
☐ Holding the Windows key for half a second simulates the right Windows key

"Like" our Facebook page and get 10% off your purchase of Start8!

Control lets you configure what a click on the start button or a press on the Windows key does.

Desktop


Stardock Start8 Configuration
Start8™
Style
Control
Desktop
About
"Like" our Facebook page and get 10% off your purchase of Start8!
Like
Advanced...

Which taskbar should the start button appear on?

- ☑ Show a start button on the main taskbar
- ☐ Show a start button on secondary taskbars (if any)

How should the taskbar appear?

- ☑ Disable taskbar translucency

Where should search look for files?

- ☐ Search should include files outside the standard libraries

How should the new Windows 8 features work?

- ☐ Disable all Windows 8 hot corners when at the Desktop
  - ☐ Disable charms bar when at the Desktop
  - ☐ Disable top left hot corner when at the Desktop
  - ☑ Disable bottom left hot corner when the taskbar overlaps it
- ☐ Hide Modern UI applications from the Windows 7 style menu
- ☑ Automatically go to the Desktop when I sign in

Desktop allows you to disable the hot corners when you are working on the desktop. It also lets you choose whether or not the system boots directly into desktop mode and bypass the Metro user interface.

About

Displays information about Start8.

4. UEFI SETUP UTILITY

4.1 Introduction

ASRock Interactive UEFI is a blend of system configuration tools, cool sound effects and stunning visuals. Not only will it make BIOS setup less difficult but also a lot more amusing. This section explains how to use the UEFI SETUP UTILITY to configure your system. The UEFI chip on the motherboard stores the UEFI SETUP UTILITY. You may run the UEFI SETUP UTILITY when you start up the computer. Please press <F2> or <Delete> during the Power-On-Self-Test (POST) to enter the UEFI SETUP UTILITY, otherwise, POST will continue with its test routines.
If you wish to enter the UEFI SETUP UTILITY after POST, restart the system by pressing <Ctl> + <Alt> + <Delete>, or by pressing the reset button on the system chassis. You may also restart by turning the system off and then back on.

Because the UEFI software is constantly being updated, the following UEFI setup screens and descriptions are for reference purpose only, and they may not exactly match what you see on your screen.

4.1.1 UEFI Menu Bar

The top of the screen has a menu bar with the following selections:

Main	For setting system time/date information
OC Tweaker	For overclocking configurations
Advanced	For advanced system configurations
Tool	Useful tools
H/W Monitor	Displays current hardware status
Boot	For configuring boot settings and boot priority
Security	For security settings
Exit	Exit the current screen or the UEFI SETUP UTILITY

Use < ← > key or < → > key to choose among the selections on the menu bar, and use < ↑ > key or < ↓ > key to move the cursor up or down to select items, then press <Enter> to get into the sub screen. You can also navigate with a mouse.

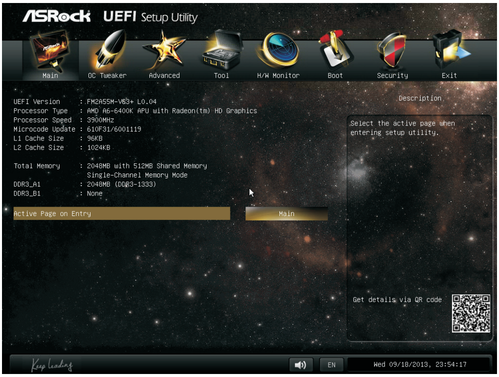
4.1.2 Navigation Keys

Please check the following table for the function description of each navigation key.

Navigation Key(s)	Function Description
← / →	Moves cursor left or right to select Screens
↑ / ↓	Moves cursor up or down to select items
+ / -	To change option for the selected items
<Tab>	Switch to next function
<Enter>	To bring up the selected screen
<PGUP>	Go to the previous page
<PGDN>	Go to the next page
<HOME>	Go to the top of the screen
<END>	Go to the bottom of the screen
<F1>	To display the General Help Screen
<F7>	Discard changes and exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY
<F9>	Load optimal default values for all the settings
<F10>	Save changes and exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY
<F12>	Print screen
<ESC>	Jump to the Exit Screen or exit the current screen

4.2 Main Screen

When you enter the UEFI SETUP UTILITY, the Main screen will appear and display the system overview.



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UEFI Version     : FM2A55M-VG3+ L0.04
Processor Type   : AMD A6-6400K APU with Radeon(tm) HD Graphics
Processor Speed  : 3900MHz
Microcode Update : 610F31/6001119
L1 Cache Size    : 96KB
L2 Cache Size    : 1024KB

Total Memory     : 2048MB with 512MB Shared Memory
                   Single-Channel Memory Mode
DDR3_A1          : 2048MB (DDR3-1333)
DDR3_B1          : None

Active Page on Entry                          Main
```

Select the active page when entering setup utility.

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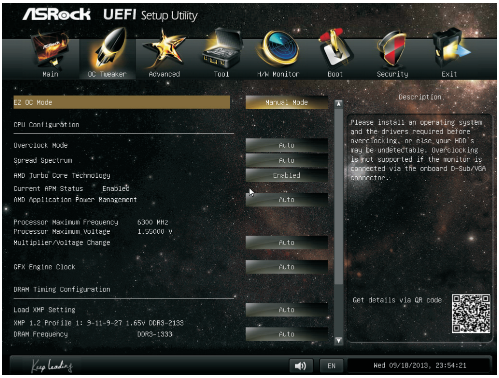
Active Page on Entry

This allows you to select the default page when entering UEFI setup utility.

4.3 OC Tweaker Screen

In the OC Tweaker screen, you can set up overclocking features.



```
EZ OC Mode                                          Manual Mode

CPU Configuration
Overclock Mode                                      Auto
Spread Spectrum                                     Auto
AMD Turbo Core Technology                           Enabled
Current APM Status      Enabled
AMD Application Power Management                    Auto

Processor Maximum Frequency     6300 MHz
Processor Maximum Voltage       1.55000 V
Multiplier/Voltage Change                           Auto

GFX Engine Clock                                    Auto

DRAM Timing Configuration
Load XMP Setting                                    Auto
XMP 1.2 Profile 1: 9-11-9-27 1.65V DDR3-2133
DRAM Frequency                  DDR3-1333           Auto
```

Please install an operating system and the drivers required before overclocking, or else your HDD`s may be undetectable. Overclocking is not supported if the monitor is connected via the onboard D-Sub/VGA connector.

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EZ OC Mode

You can use this option to adjust EZ overclocking setting. Please note that overclocing may cause damage to your components and motherboard. It should be done at your own risk and expense.

CPU Configuration

Overclock Mode

Use this to select Overclock Mode. Configuration options: [Auto] and [Manual]. The default value is [Auto].

APU/PCIE Frequency (MHz)

This item appears only when you set the item “Overclock Mode“ to [Manual]. The default value is [Disabled]. Please be noted that overclocking may reduce the D-Sub resolution and cause the display abnormal situation.

Spread Spectrum

This item should always be [Auto] for better system stability.

AMD Turbo Core Technology

This item appears only when the processor you adopt supports this feature. Use this to select enable or disable AMD Turbo Core Technology. Configuration options: [Enabled] and [Disabled]. The default value is [Enabled].

AMD Application power Management

Application Power Management (APM) ensures that average power consumption over a thermally significant time period remains at or below the TDP for the CPU mode being used. If [Enabled] is selected, the power consumption is reduced when overclocking.

Processor Maximum Frequency

It will display Processor Maximum Frequency for reference.

Processor Maximum Voltage

It will display Processor Maximum Voltage for reference.

Multiplier/Voltage Change

This item is set to [Auto] by default. If it is set to [Manual], you may adjust the value of Processor Frequency and Processor Voltage. However, it is recommended to keep the default value for system stability.

Boost Frequency Multiplier

For safety and system stability, it is not recommended to adjust the value of this item.

CPU Frequency Multiplier

For safety and system stability, it is not recommended to adjust the value of this item.

Voltage Control Mode

Use this to control voltage mode.

CPU Voltage

It allows you to adjust the value of CPU voltage. However, for safety and system stability, it is not recommended to adjust the value of this item.

CPU Voltage Offset

It allows you to adjust the value of CPU voltage offset. However, for safety and system stability, it is not recommended to adjust the value of this item.

CPU NB Frequency Multiplier

For safety and system stability, it is not recommended to adjust the value of this item.

APU Load-line Calibration

APU Load-line Calibration helps prevent APU voltage droop when the system is under heavy load.

GFX Engine Clock

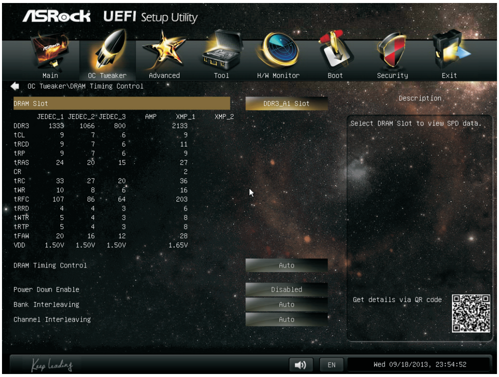
Use this to adjust GFX Engine Clock. The default value is [Auto].

DRAM Timing Configuration

DRAM Frequency

If [Auto] is selected, the motherboard will detect the memory module(s) inserted and assigns appropriate frequency automatically.

DRAM Timing Control



OC Tweaker\DRAM Timing Control

DRAM Slot: DDR3_A1 Slot

	JEDEC_1	JEDEC_2	JEDEC_3	AMP	XMP_1	XMP_2
DDR3	1333	1066	800		2133	
tCL	9	7	6		9	
tRCD	9	7	6		11	
tRP	9	7	6		9	
tRAS	24	20	15		27	
CR					2	
tRC	33	27	20		36	
tWR	10	8	6		16	
tRFC	107	86	64		203	
tRRD	4	4	3		6	
tWTR	5	4	3		8	
tRTP	5	4	3		8	
tFAW	20	16	12		28	
VDD	1.50V	1.50V	1.50V		1.65V	

DRAM Timing Control: Auto

Power Down Enable: Disabled

Bank Interleaving: Auto

Channel Interleaving: Auto

Description

Select DRAM Slot to view SPD data.

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DRAM Slot

Use this item to view SPD data.

DRAM Timing Control

Use this item to control DRAM timing.

Power Down Enable

Use this item to enable or disable DDR power down mode.

Bank Interleaving

Interleaving allows memory accesses to be spread out over banks on the same node, or accross nodes, decreasing access contention.

Channel Interleaving

It allows you to enable Channel Memory Interleaving. Configuration options: [Disabled], [Auto]. The default value is [Auto].

Voltage Configuration

DRAM Voltage

Use this to select DRAM Voltage. The default value is [Auto].

APU PCIE Voltage VDDP

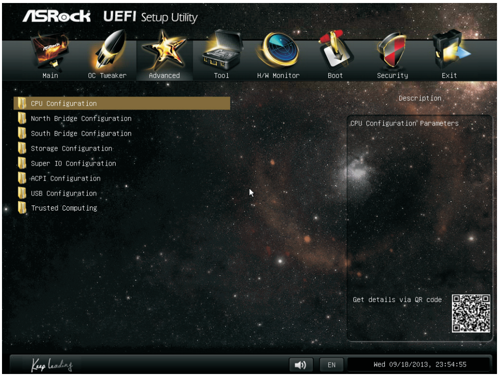
Use this to select APU PCIE Voltage VDDP. The default value is [Auto].

SB Voltage

Use this to select SB Voltage. The default value is [Auto].

4.4 Advanced Screen

In this section, you may set the configurations for the following items: CPU Configuration, Nouth Bridge Configuration, South Bridge Configuration, Storage Configuration, Super IO Configuration, ACPI Configuration, USB Configuration and Trusted Computing.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CPU Configuration Parameters

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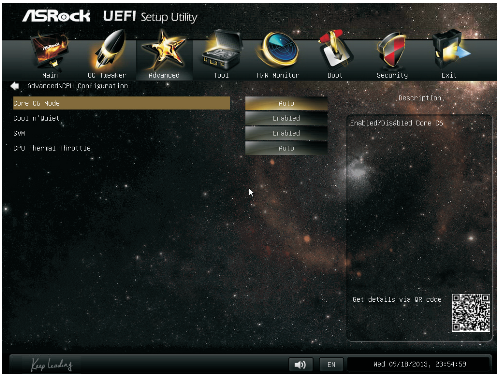
Setting wrong values in this section may cause the system to malfunction.

4.4.1 CPU Configuration



Advanced\CPU Configuration

Core C6 Mode	Auto
Cool'n'Quiet	Enabled
SVM	Enabled
CPU Thermal Throttle	Auto

Enabled/Disabled Core C6

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Core C6 Mode

Use this item to enable or disable Core C6 mode. The default value is [Enabled].

Package C6 Mode

This item appears only when you enable the item “Core C6 Mode”. Use this item to enable or disable Package C6 mode. The default value is [Disabled].

Cool ‘n’ Quiet

Use this item to enable or disable AMD’s Cool ‘n’ Quiet^{TM} technology. The default value is [Enabled]. Configuration options: [Enabled] and [Disabled]. If you install Windows$^{®}$ 8 / 7 and want to enable this function, please set this item to [Enabled]. Please note that enabling this function may reduce CPU voltage and memory frequency, and lead to system stability or compatibility issue with some memory modules or power supplies. Please set this item to [Disable] if above issue occurs.

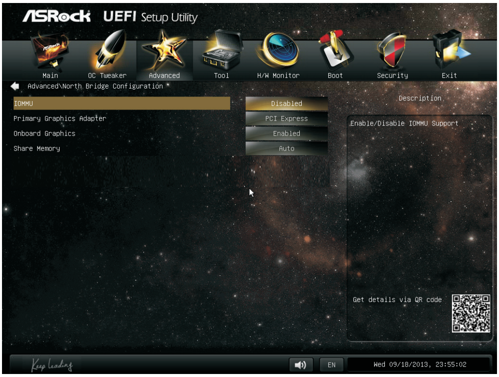
SVM

When this option is set to [Enabled], a VMM (Virtual Machine Architecture) can utilize the additional hardware capabilities provided by AMD-V. The default value is [Enabled]. Configuration options: [Enabled] and [Disabled].

CPU Thermal Throttle

Use this item to enable CPU internal thermal control mechanism to keep the CPU from overheated. The default value is [Auto].

4.4.2 North Bridge Configuration



Advanced\North Bridge Configuration

IOMMU	Disabled
Primary Graphics Adapter	PCI Express
Onboard Graphics	Enabled
Share Memory	Auto

Description

Enable/Disable IOMMU Support

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IOMMU

This allows you to enable or disable IOMMU support.

Primary Graphics Adapter

This item will switch the PCI Bus scanning order while searching for video card. It allows you to select the type of Primary VGA in case of multiple video controllers. The default value of this feature is [PCI Express]. Configuration options: [Onboard], [PCI] and [PCI Express].

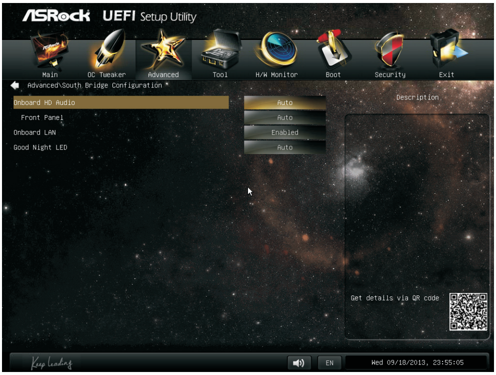
Share Memory

This allows you to set the share memory feature. The default value is [Auto]. Configuration options: [Auto], [32MB], [64MB], [128MB], [256MB] [512MB], [1GB] and [2GB].

Dual Graphics

This item appears only when you install AMD RADEON graphics card on this motherboard. Use this to enable or disable Dual Graphics feature. If you enable this option, the primary monitor will be onboard VGA. If you select [Auto], Dual Graphics function will be automatically enabled when you install AMD RADEON graphics card. The default value is [Auto].

4.4.3 South Bridge Configuration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Advanced\South Bridge Configuration

Onboard HD Audio Auto
Front Panel Auto
Onboard LAN Enabled
Good Night LED Auto

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Onboard HD Audio

Select [Auto], [Enabled] or [Disabled] for the onboard HD Audio feature. If you select [Auto], the onboard HD Audio will be disabled when PCI Sound Card is plugged.

Front Panel

Select [Auto] or [Disabled] for the onboard HD Audio Front Panel.

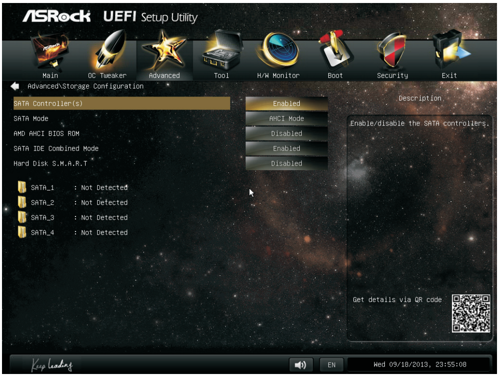
Onboard LAN

This allows you to enable or disable the onboard LAN feature.

Good Night LED

Enable this option to turn off Power LED when the system is power on. The keyboard LED will also be turned off in S3 and S4 state. The default value is [Auto].

4.4.4 Storage Configuration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SATA Controller(s) Enabled
SATA Mode AHCI Mode
AMD AHCI BIOS ROM Disabled
SATA IDE Combined Mode Enabled
Hard Disk S.M.A.R.T Disabled

SATA_1 : Not Detected
SATA_2 : Not Detected
SATA_3 : Not Detected
SATA_4 : Not Detected

Enable/disable the SATA controllers.

SATA Controller

Use this item to enable or disable the “SATA Controller” feature.

SATA Mode

Use this item to adjust SATA Mode. The default value of this option is [AHCI Mode]. Configuration options: [AHCI Mode], [RAID Mode] and [IDE Mode].

> If you set this item to RAID mode, it is suggested to install SATA ODD driver on SATA_3 and SATA_4 ports.

AMD AHCI BIOS ROM

Use this item to enable or disable AMD AHCI BIOS ROM. The default value of this option is [Disabled].

SATA IDE Combined Mode

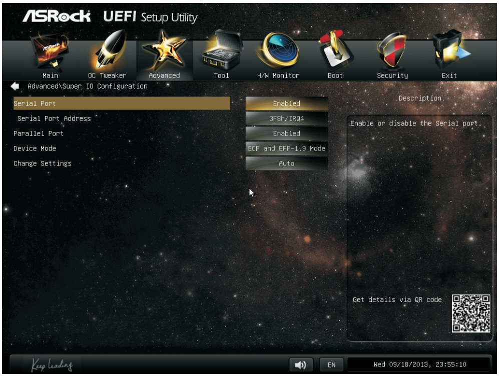
This item is for SATA_3 and SATA_4 ports. Use this item to enable or disable SATA IDE combined mode. The default value is [Enabled].

> If you want to build RAID on SATA_3 and SATA_4 ports, please disable this item.

Hard Disk S.M.A.R.T.

Use this item to enable or disable the S.M.A.R.T. (Self-Monitoring, Analysis, and Reporting Technology) feature. Configuration options: [Disabled], [Auto], [Enabled].

4.4.5 Super IO Configuration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Serial Port	Enabled
Serial Port Address	3F8h/IRQ4
Parallel Port	Enabled
Device Mode	ECP and EPP-1.9 Mode
Change Settings	Auto

Enable or disable the Serial port.

Serial Port

Use this item to enable or disable the onboard serial port.

Serial Port Address

Use this item to set the address for the onboard serial port. Configuration options: [3F8h / IRQ4] and [3E8h / IRQ4].

Parallel Port

Enable or disable the Parallel port.

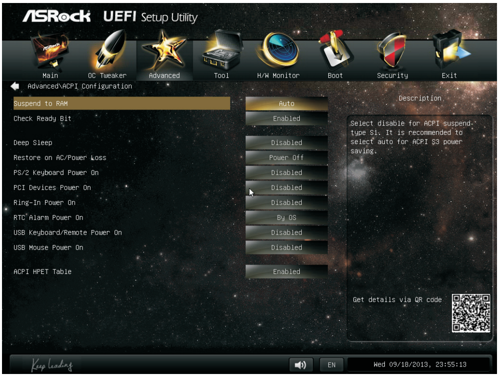
Device Mode

Select the device mode according to your connected device.

Change Settings

Select the address of the Parallel port.

4.4.6 ACPI Configuration



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Advanced\ACPI Configuration

Suspend to RAM                        Auto
Check Ready Bit                       Enabled

Deep Sleep                            Disabled
Restore on AC/Power Loss              Power Off
PS/2 Keyboard Power On                Disabled
PCI Devices Power On                  Disabled
Ring-In Power On                      Disabled
RTC Alarm Power On                    By OS
USB Keyboard/Remote Power On          Disabled
USB Mouse Power On                    Disabled

ACPI HPET Table                       Enabled
```

Select disable for ACPI suspend type S1. It is recommended to select auto for ACPI S3 power saving.

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Suspend to RAM

Use this item to select whether to auto-detect or disable the Suspend-to-RAM feature. Select [Auto] will enable this feature if the OS supports it.

Check Ready Bit

Enable to enter the operating system after S3 only when the hard disk is ready, this is recommended for better system stability.

Deep Sleep

Configure deep sleep mode for power saving when the computer is shut down. We recommend disabling Deep Sleep for better system compatibility and stability.

Restore on AC/Power Loss

This allows you to set the power state after an unexpected AC/power loss. If [Power Off] is selected, the AC/power remains off when the power recovers. If [Power On] is selected, the AC/power resumes and the system starts to boot up when the power recovers.

PS/2 Keyboard Power On

Use this item to enable or disable PS/2 keyboard to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

PCI Devices Power On

Use this item to enable or disable PCI devices to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

Ring-In Power On

Use this item to enable or disable Ring-In signals to turn on the system from the power-soft-off mode.

RTC Alarm Power On

Use this item to enable or disable RTC (Real Time Clock) to power on the system.

USB Keyboard/Remote Power On

Use this item to enable or disable USB Keyboard/Remote to power on the system.

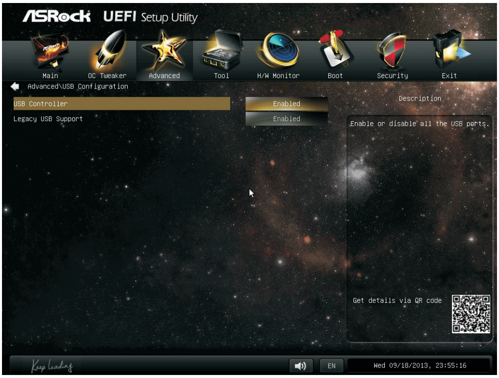
USB Mouse Power On

Use this item to enable or disable USB Mouse to power on the system.

ACPI HPET table

Use this item to enable or disable ACPI HPET Table. The default value is [Enabled]. Please set this option to [Enabled] if you plan to use this motherboard to submit Windows® certification.

4.4.7 USB Configuration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Advanced\USB Configuration

USB Controller Enabled

Legacy USB Support Enabled

Description

Enable or disable all the USB ports.

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USB 2.0 Controller

Use this item to enable or disable the use of USB 2.0 controller.

Legacy USB Support

Use this option to select legacy support for USB devices. There are four configuration options: [Enabled], [Auto], [Disabled] and [UEFI Setup Only]. The default value is [Enabled]. Please refer to below descriptions for the details of these four options:

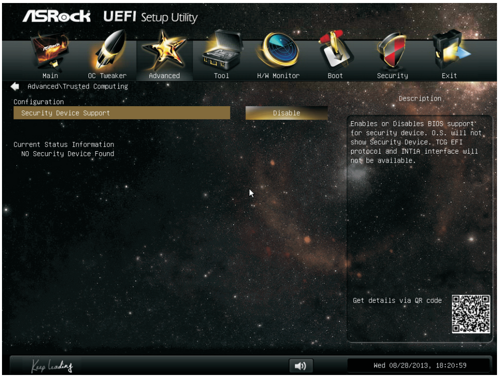
[Enabled] - Enables support for legacy USB.

[Auto] - Enables legacy support if USB devices are connected.

[Disabled] - USB devices are not allowed to use under legacy OS and UEFI setup when [Disabled] is selected. If you have USB compatibility issue, it is recommended to select [Disabled] to enter OS.

[UEFI Setup Only] - USB devices are allowed to use only under UEFI setup and Windows / Linux OS.

4.4.8 Trusted Computing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Configuration

Security Device Support: Disable

Current Status Information
NO Security Device Found

Enables or Disables BIOS support for security device. O.S. will not show Security Device. TCG EFI protocol and INT1A interface will not be available.

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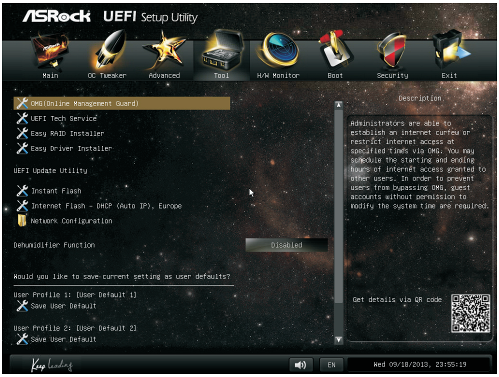
Security Device Support

Enable to activate Trusted Platform Module (TPM) security for your hard disk drives.

4.5 Tool



OMG(Online Management Guard)
UEFI Tech Service
Easy RAID Installer
Easy Driver Installer

UEFI Update Utility

Instant Flash
Internet Flash - DHCP (Auto IP), Europe
Network Configuration

Dehumidifier Function: Disabled

Would you like to save current setting as user defaults?

User Profile 1: [User Default 1]
Save User Default

User Profile 2: [User Default 2]
Save User Default

Description

Administrators are able to establish an internet curfew or restrict internet access at specified times via OMG. You may schedule the starting and ending hours of internet access granted to other users. In order to prevent users from bypassing OMG, guest accounts without permission to modify the system time are required.

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OMG(Online Management Guard)

Administrators are able to establish an internet curfew or restrict internet access at specified times via OMG. You may schedule the starting and ending hours of internet access granted to other users. In order to prevent users from bypassing OMG, guest accounts without permission to modify the system time are required.

UEFI Tech Service

Contact ASRock Tech Service if you are having trouble with your PC. Please setup network configuration before using UEFI Tech Service.

Easy RAID Installer

Easy RAID Installer helps you to copy the RAID driver from the support CD to your USB storage device. After copying the drivers please change the SATA mode to RAID, then you can start installing the operating system in RAID mode.

Easy Driver Installer

For users that don’t have an optical disk drive to install the drivers from our support CD, Easy Driver Installer is a handy tool in the UEFI that installs the LAN driver to your system via an USB storage device, then downloads and installs the other required drivers automatically.

UEFI Update Utility

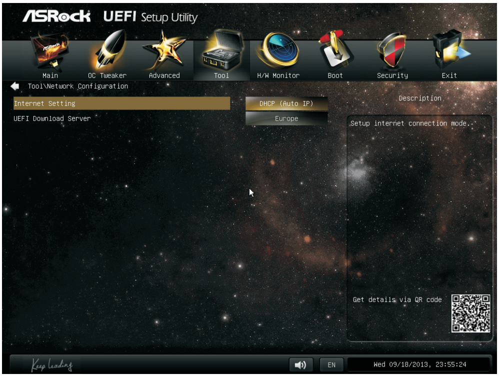
Instant Flash

Instant Flash is a UEFI flash utility embedded in Flash ROM. This convenient UEFI update tool allows you to update system UEFI without entering operating systems first like MS-DOS or Windows®. Just save the new UEFI file to your USB flash drive, floppy disk or hard drive and launch this tool, then you can update your UEFI only in a few clicks without preparing an additional floppy diskette or other complicated flash utility. Please be noted that the USB flash drive or hard drive must use FAT32/16/12 file system. If you execute Instant Flash utility, the utility will show the UEFI files and their respective information. Select the proper UEFI file to update your UEFI, and reboot your system after the UEFI update process is completed.

Internet Flash

Internet Flash searches for available UEFI firmware updates from our servers. In other words, the system can auto-detect the latest UEFI from our servers and flash them without entering Windows OS.

Network Configuration



Tool\Network Configuration

Internet Setting: DHCP (Auto IP)
UEFI Download Server: Europe

Setup internet connection mode.

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Internet Setting

Use this item to set up the internet connection mode. Configuration options: [DHCP (Auto IP)] and [PPPOE].

UEFI Download Server

Use this item to select UEFI firmware download server for Internet Flash. Configuration options: [Asia], [Europe], [USA] and [China].

Dehumidifier Function

Users may prevent motherboard damages due to dampness by enabling “Dehumidifier Function”. When enabling Dehumidifier Function, the computer will power on automatically to dehumidify the system after entering S4/S5 state.

Dehumidifier Period

This allows users to configure the period of time until the computer powers on and enables “Dehumidifier” after entering S4/S5 state.

Dehumidifier Duration

This allows users to configure the duration of the dehumidifying process before it returns to S4/S5 state.

Dehumidifier CPU Fan Setting

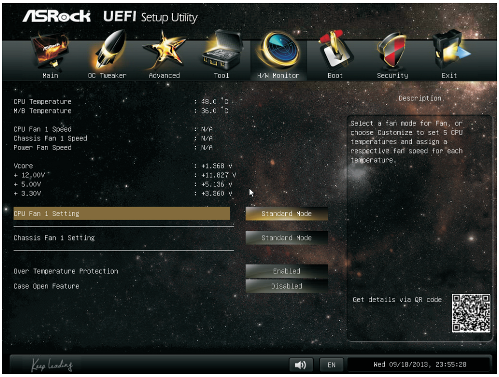
Use this setting to configure CPU fan speed while “Dehumidifier” is enabled.

Would you like to save current setting user defaults?

In this option, you are allowed to load and save three user defaults according to your own requirements.

4.6 Hardware Health Event Monitoring Screen

In this section, it allows you to monitor the status of the hardware on your system, including the parameters of the CPU temperature, motherboard temperature, CPU fan speed, chassis fan speed, and the critical voltage.



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CPU Temperature               : 48.0 °C
M/B Temperature               : 36.0 °C

CPU Fan 1 Speed               : N/A
Chassis Fan 1 Speed           : N/A
Power Fan Speed               : N/A

Vcore                         : +1.368 V
+ 12.00V                      : +11.827 V
+ 5.00V                       : +5.136 V
+ 3.30V                       : +3.360 V

CPU Fan 1 Setting                          Standard Mode

Chassis Fan 1 Setting                      Standard Mode

Over Temperature Protection                Enabled
Case Open Feature                          Disabled
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Select a fan mode for Fan, or choose Customize to set 5 CPU temperatures and assign a respective fan speed for each temperature.

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CPU Fan 1 Setting

This allows you to set the CPU fan 1 speed. Configuration options: [Full On] and [Automatic Mode]. The default is value [Full On].

Chassis Fan 1 Setting

This allows you to set the chassis fan 1 speed. Configuration options: [Full On], [Manual Mode] and [Automatic Mode]. The default is value [Full On].

Over Temperature Protection

Use this item to enable or disable Over Temperature Protection. The default value is [Enabled].

Case Open Feature

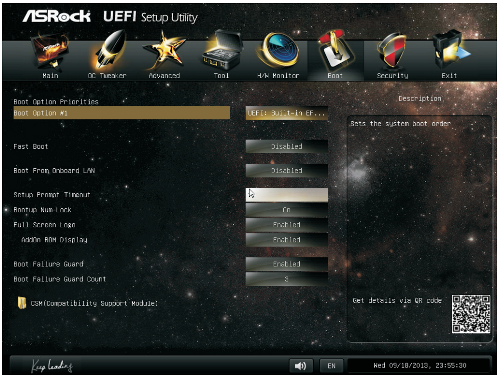
This allows you to enable or disable case open detection feature. The default is value [Disabled].

Clear Status

This option appears only when the case open has been detected. Use this option to keep or clear the record of previous chassis intrusion status.

4.7 Boot Screen

In this section, it will display the available devices on your system for you to configure the boot settings and the boot priority.



Boot Option Priorities

Boot Option #1	UEFI: Built-in EF...
Fast Boot	Disabled
Boot From Onboard LAN	Disabled
Setup Prompt Timeout	
Bootup Num-Lock	On
Full Screen Logo	Enabled
AddOn ROM Display	Enabled
Boot Failure Guard	Enabled
Boot Failure Guard Count	3

CSM(Compatibility Support Module)

Sets the system boot order

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Fast Boot

Fast Boot minimizes your computer's boot time. There are three configuration options: [Disabled], [Fast] and [Ultra Fast]. The default value is [Disabled]. Please refer to below descriptions for the details of these three options:

[Disabled] - Disable Fast Boot.

[Fast] - The only restriction is you may not boot by using an USB flash drive.

[Ultra Fast] - There are a few restrictions.

1. Only supports Windows® 8 UEFI operating system.
2. You will not be able to enter BIOS Setup (Clear CMOS or run utility in Widows® to enter BIOS Setup).
3. If you are using an external graphics card, the VBIOS must support UEFI GOP in order to boot.

Boot From Onboard LAN

Use this item to enable or disable the Boot From Onboard LAN feature.

Setup Prompt Timeout

This shows the number of seconds to wait for setup activation key.

Bootup Num-Lock

If this item is set to [On], it will automatically activate the Numeric Lock function after boot-up.

Full Screen Logo

Use this item to enable or disable OEM Logo. The default value is [Enabled].

Option ROM Messages

[Force BIOS] - The third-party ROM messages will be forced to display during the bootsequence.

[Keep Current] - The third-party ROM messages will be displayed only if the third-partymanufacturer had set the add-on device to do so.

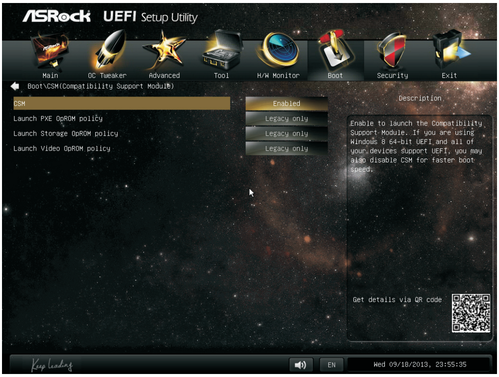
Boot Failure Guard

Enable or disable the feature of Boot Failure Guard.

Boot Failure Guard Count

Enable or disable the feature of Boot Failure Guard Count.

CSM (Compatibility Support Module)



Boot\CSM(Compatibility Support Module)

CSM	Enabled
Launch PXE OpROM policy	Legacy only
Launch Storage OpROM policy	Legacy only
Launch Video OpROM policy	Legacy only

Enable to launch the Compatibility Support Module. If you are using Windows 8 64-bit UEFI and all of your devices support UEFI, you may also disable CSM for faster boot speed.

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CSM

Enable to launch the Compatibility Support Module. Please do not disable unless you're running a WHCK test. If you are using Windows® 8 64-bit and all of your devices support UEFI, you may also disable CSM for faster boot speed.

Launch PXE OpROM Policy

Select UEFI only to run those that support UEFI option ROM only. Select Legacy only to run those that support legacy option ROM only. Do not launch?

Launch Storage OpROM Policy

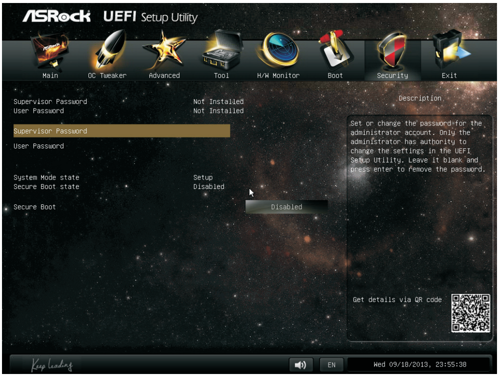
Select UEFI only to run those that support UEFI option ROM only. Select Legacy only to run those that support legacy option ROM only. Do not launch?

Launch Video OpROM Policy

Select UEFI only to run those that support UEFI option ROM only. Select Legacy only to run those that support legacy option ROM only. Do not launch?

4.8 Security Screen

In this section, you may set or change the supervisor/user password for the system. For the user password, you may also clear it.


ASRock UEFI Setup Utility
Main
OC Tweaker
Advanced
Tool
H/W Monitor
Boot
Security
Exit
Keep leading
EN

Supervisor Password Not Installed
User Password Not Installed

Supervisor Password

User Password

System Mode state Setup
Secure Boot state Disabled

Secure Boot Disabled

Description

Set or change the password for the administrator account. Only the administrator has authority to change the settings in the UEFI Setup Utility. Leave it blank and press enter to remove the password.

Get details via QR code

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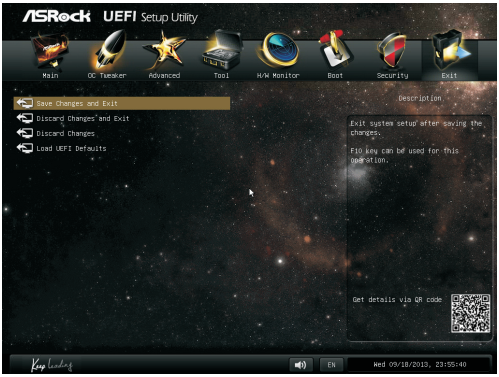
Secure Boot

Enable to support Windows® 8 Secure Boot.

4.9 Exit Screen


ASRock UEFI Setup Utility
Main
OC Tweaker
Advanced
Tool
H/W Monitor
Boot
Security
Exit
Save Changes and Exit
Discard Changes and Exit
Discard Changes
Load UEFI Defaults
Description
Get details via QR code
EN
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Exit system setup after saving the changes.

F10 key can be used for this operation.

Save Changes and Exit

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, “Save configuration changes and exit setup?” Select [OK] to save the changes and exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY.

Discard Changes and Exit

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, “Discard changes and exit setup?” Select [OK] to exit the UEFI SETUP UTILITY without saving any changes.

Discard Changes

When you select this option, it will pop-out the following message, “Discard changes?” Select [OK] to discard all changes.

Load UEFI Defaults

Load UEFI default values for all the setup questions. F9 key can be used for this operation.

Contact Information

If you need to contact ASRock or want to know more about ASRock, you're welcome to visit ASRock's website at http://www.asrock.com; or you may contact your dealer for further information. For technical questions, please submit a support request form at http://www.asrock.com/support/tsd.asp

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